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### LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, November 8 ---- Hotel Warwick, 65 West 54th Street  
Cocktails at Noon ----- Luncheon at 12:30 PM sharp  
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WHAT'S AHEAD FOR ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST?

by

THE HON. JAMES F. McDONALD  
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Author of "My Mission in Israel"

GERSHON AGRON  
Editor and Publisher  
The Palestine Post

A. WILFRED MAY  
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As Israel this week is invited to consider the projected Middle East Defense Command sponsored by the U.S., Britain, France and Turkey, the OPC presents three of the best informed authorities in the fledgling republic. The first U.S. envoy to Israel and one of its top journalists will join with Member A. WILFRED MAY, financial writer and New York Herald Tribune correspondent, just returned from the Middle East, to present an inside, up-to-the-minute picture of Israel's political, social and economic condition.

They will also discuss the foreign affairs and defense potentialities of Israel's neighbors among the Arab states. Please make your reservations early for this Hotel Warwick luncheon via the enclosed return postcard.

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GRIFFITH, FINANCIAL REPORT  
CO-STAR AT SEMI-ANNUAL MEET-  
ING IN CLUBROOMS LAST WEEK

A fascinating inside story of life behind the Iron Curtain in Berlin's Eastern sector and an optimistic Treasurer's report were highlights of the OPC's Semi-Annual Fall Business Meeting held at the Clubrooms Wednesday, October 24. Just back from several weeks in Berlin, Program Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH painted a gripping, dramatic picture of Communist zone inhabitants. It costs only 10 pfennig to travel to the so-called forbidden sector, GRIFFITH said, although he was careful to cross over only during hours of maximum congestion. "Everywhere were posters reading, 'Ami go home'", GRIFFITH said, "yet whenever I was able to disclose my identity, I was received cordially and warmly. People would consider me in the same boat with them -- enemies of the Soviet, spied on by police and anxious for their lives."

One day GRIFFITH found himself in East Berlin with only 50 pfennig (about three cents) in his pockets. Realizing he couldn't exist all day on that, he bought a lottery ticket, opened it on the spot, discovered he'd won 50 pfennig! So he bought a second ticket, while a crowd gathered. Another 50 pfennig ticket! A third try brought him the amazing sum of 10 marks (about 50 cents) which enabled him to get through the day. Later, at one nationalized department store where he bought some \$18 worth of leather goods, he discovered a competition was raging between the leather department and the corset department -- the latter section known as "Brigade Aufbau". But when he found he had only enough money in Westmarks to pay for the merchandise, the forbidden currency was nevertheless eagerly accepted.

"Don't look to German newspapers for news," GRIFFITH said. "They are poor in both East and West, although poorer in the East, of course. There are no honest papers in Berlin; holdover news is common, editorializing found in news copy and poor editing throughout."

He also gave a detailed report of standards of living in West and East Berlin, comparing prices for household commodities, food, etc. Space restricts coverage of what was one of the most informative talks the Club has heard in recent months.

Before Committee Chairmen rendered reports on their activities and future projects, Secretary-Treasurer JOSEPH J. WURZEL presented an optimistic survey of the Club's financial position to date. "The Club is currently operating within its income," he said, "and, in fact, is showing an interesting margin of profit." He pointed out, for instance, that for the year April 1, 1950 to March 31, 1951, the average loss was \$410 monthly, a condition which, if permitted to continue, would have seriously undermined the treasury. For the six months of April, 1951, to September 30, 1951, he said, we completely reversed that unfavorable situation, eliminated the deficit and thus far this year are averaging an excess of income over expenditure of \$383 monthly.

The result, he said, as of September 30, 1951, is a cumulative profit or equity of \$10,248.89; in March, 1951, that equity was only \$7,951.81. "Reviewing that equity," WURZEL stated, "we see that for the same six months of 1950--April 1 to September 30--our equity (which had been \$12,863 on April 1, 1950) was reduced to \$10,427 by September 30, 1950--through six months a loss of \$2,436. He pointed out, however, that the improvement in our trading position did not come entirely from increased earnings, but from reductions in operation expenses. "A year ago September 30, 1950" he reported, "our assets were \$16,051, including \$13,607 cash. From the March 31, 1951 assets with a low of \$10,932, our position on September 30, 1951, showed total assets of \$17,360, of which \$14,466 was in hard cash".

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## CLUB CALENDAR

Program Committee Meeting . . . . . Clubrooms . . . . . Monday, November 5, 5:30 PM  
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## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE: James Greenfield, war correspondent, Voice of America. Southeast Asia, Japan, Indo-China, Korea, from October 1950 to date. Proposed by HAZEL SHORE; seconded by IRVING R. LEVINE.

Everett Bauman, assistant public relations manager, Creole Petroleum Corp., Argentina, 1941 to 1943; Venezuela, 1943 to 1946, all for the United Press. Proposed by E. L. ALMEN; seconded by LEO BRANHAM.

Edward Lawrence Lawson, promotion manager, People Today. Panama, 1943 to 1945, as associate editor, Runaway, Albrook Field, USAAF. Proposed by LOUIS WEINTRAUB; seconded by MARTIN BURSTEN.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to active membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidate:

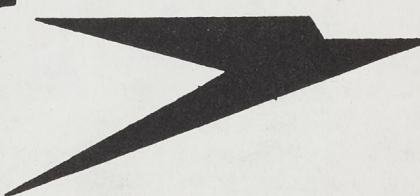
ANSEL E. M. TALBERT, aviation editor, the New York Herald Tribune

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::: COMING EVENTS :::

Wednesday, November 14 -- A luncheon meeting on this date will hear the man who first pioneered jet engines in commercial aviation -- Sir Miles Thomas, Chairman of the Board of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, engineer, journalist, motor magnate and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery as a pilot in World War I. This year Sir Miles is president of the International Air Transport Association, and today ranks as one of the world's top authorities on jet transportation.

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JOHN M. ANSPACHER has resigned as consultant to the Army's Psychological Warfare Division to join the staff of the National Psychological Strategy Board in Washington. He was formerly a Washington correspondent for Time and the Gannett Newspapers ... A thumb-nail profile of Maharajah Jam Saheb, "People's Potentate", by RUTH KARPFF, appears in the October 21 This Week ...

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By dialing the letters "SVP" on any Paris telephone, you can now hear three minutes of the latest news bulletins in English, thanks to a service launched recently by a young OPCer named RUTH LLOYD. Parisians long have depended on "SVP" for information of all kinds, furnished telephone subscribers upon request. Now American and British residents and visitors

From 8 AM to 8 PM, Miss LLOYD prepares a constantly changing series of news bulletins from material collected from Agence France-Presse, newspapers, foreign broadcasts and personal contacts. The service is sponsored, and the listener is told once during the three minutes, "Today and every day this service comes to you by..." Before going "on the air" with "SVP", Miss LLOYD represented the United Press in Warsaw, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

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Coronet managing editor JOHN BARKHAM last week addressed the Larchmont Women's Club on "South Africa: Perilous Paradise" ... DOROTHY FISCHER postcards that she's on her way home from Germany ... On another postcard, from EDWARD HUNTER in Hong Kong, is pictured the luxurious entrance to the Foreign Correspondents' Club there ...

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: DANIEL VAN ACKER, president, and will be used to tape speeches, meeting :  
: minutes and important conversations. Thanks, again. :



"See It Now", produced by EDWARD R. MURROW and Fred W. Friendly, the sight-and-sound counterpart of radio's "Hear It Now", will make its debut as a weekly CBS-TV news show on Sunday, November 18, from 3:30 to 4 PM, EST. With MURROW as on-camera editor, the news will be presented through live pickups of events, and with motion pictures specially filmed for "See It Now". The program will also have the exclusive use of four mobile camera crews (reporter, cameraman and soundman), one of which is already in Korea ... "Guilty of Treason", the film about Cardinal Mindszenty, based on the OPC book, "As We See Russia", has been banned in the Netherlands because it's "too controversial" ...

NBC's LEON PEARSON and SERGE FLIEGERS teamed up to do the cover story for the November American Mercury about what the Soviets are doing with germ warfare weapons. FLIEGERS was interviewed about the story on Barry Gray's WMCA show last week ...

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In Oslo, Norway, recently was PATRICK E. NIEBURG, "Ran into JACK FLEISCHER, who is public affairs officer at our embassy here. JACK and I had thus a reunion of UP alumni in Oslo. He has a gorgeous house in the mountains, adorned by his beautiful wife and cute daughter...Just for the record, I noted in The Bulletin that I was identified as being with the State Department. This isn't correct. Instead, I'm running myself ragged for an outfit called Radio Free Europe..."

An exclusive interview was conducted by EDWARD R. MURROW with Prime Minister Winston Churchill the night before British voters returned him to power ... Bob Hope was guest editor-in-chief of NBC's "Jubilee Show" last week with Past President W. W. CHAPLIN explaining what was news and what was not ... RALPH MCGILL, Atlanta Constitution editor, last week addressed the 20th Annual New York Herald Tribune forum on community programs for exchanging visitors with other countries ...

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On a look-see tour through Spain is DAVID DARRAH, who reports that the country, while not benefited by Marshall Plan money, nevertheless "seems about as sound as some of those that have been living on it" ... "The Spanish Count", a story by GERTY AGOSTON, to appear in New York's Staatszeitung ... Veteran Member TOM JOHNSON returning to Manhattan this week after a sojourn at Clifton Springs, N.Y. ... London bureau staffer CLIFTON DANIEL winner of a New York Times monthly News Award ... Another Timesman, GENE CURRIVAN, on "temporary Duty" for the paper in Chicago during the local reporter's illness ...



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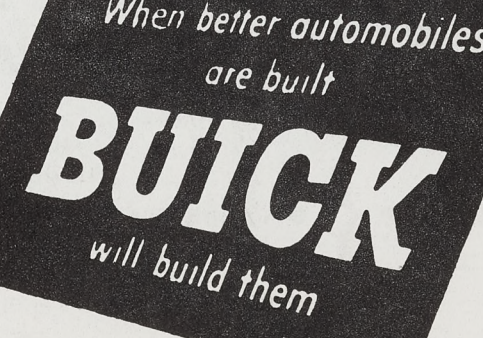
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